

WORLD'S LEADING POLE EXPLORERS ACCEPT DR. COOK'S DISCOVERY CLAIM

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How Polar explorers replied to the United Press inquiries as to whether they believed the North Pole discovery claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

AMERICANS:
Major General A. W. Greeley—"Yes."
Rear Admiral George W. Melville—"I doubt it."
Anthony Scott—"Undoubtedly."
Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley—"No doubt about it."
ENGLISHMEN:
L. C. Bernacchi—"I am undecided."
Sir George Nares—"I want more proof."
Lt. Ernest Shackleton—"Undecided."
Robert F. Scott—"Can't say yes or no yet."
DANES:
Captain Otto Sverdrup—"Cook's claims are genuine."
Commander Hovgaard—"Yes."
SWISS:
Dr. Dequervain—"Cook's story is satisfactory."

New York, Oct. 2.—In view of the conflicting reports regarding the acceptance of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's North Pole discovery claims by polar explorers, the United Press yesterday sent inquiries by cable and telegraph to the world's leading Arctic and Antarctic explorers. Some of the replies were not received until to-day. The foregoing is a summary of the replies. Of the eleven replies received, only one, that of Rear Admiral George W. Melville, casts doubt upon the American explorer's achievement. "Possibly yes, probably no," was the language of his reply, which shows that the admiral is less skeptical than he was at the outset when he seriously called in question all of Dr. Cook's statements.

It was expected from the first that

the Englishmen would be the last to concede that any other than an Englishman had found the Pole.

With the exception of Admiral Melville, the American replies showed characteristic warmth. Major General Greeley, who reached the latitude of 83 degrees 53 minutes telegraphed the United Press as follows:

"From the report, combined with my knowledge of Arctic travel by the Smith Sound route, my belief, frequently expressed, is that Cook reached the Pole."

There is no doubt of it. I believed Cook reached the Pole from the mere fact that he himself said so. This was the patriotic and generous reply of Rear Admiral Schley who commanded the expedition which rescued General Greeley.

Of the Englishmen questioned but one, Sir George Nares, has made a polar trip, the others having had experience only in the Antarctic. Shackleton, the most noted of all English explorers by reason of his having come within 111 miles of the South Pole, announced some time ago that he was of an open mind. He will neither accept nor reject the claims until he has made a careful study of the doctor's official story and data.

The hearty acceptance of Cook's statements by the Danish explorers, Sverdrup and Hovgaard is considered by scientific men to be the best evidence of his discovery. The Danish explorer, Sverdrup, is considered by scientific men to be the best evidence of his discovery. The Danish explorer, Sverdrup, is considered by scientific men to be the best evidence of his discovery.

JURY LIMITS PUNISHMENT OF LEBENTHALS

Maximum Sentence in Their
Cases by Statute is Five
Years

VALUE OF JEWELS \$2,000

Under the verdict of the jury Abraham Leblenthal, who was convicted of the theft of the jewels of Mrs. Charles M. Cole, cannot be sentenced for a term longer than five years. The statute provides that in the case of a theft of a sum not exceeding \$2,000 the penalty shall not be greater than five years. Had the jury found the sum greater by so much as a single cent, Leblenthal, and of course his wife, would be subject to a penalty of 20 years. It was evidently the intention of the jury to be merciful to the most exacting, for under the law, the Coles may recover three times the value of the stolen goods.

It is likely that the punishment of the pair will be sufficient to satisfy the most exacting, for under the law, the Coles may recover three times the value of the stolen goods.

Tuesday counsel for the Leblenthals will move to have the verdict set aside, upon the ground that it is against the evidence. It is not thought likely that the court will sustain the motion. Then it is likely that the appeal will be taken to the Supreme court.

The court room was crowded when the jury, after being out just 59 minutes, filed into their box. Every seat in the room was occupied, even the prisoners' pen being crowded. The two prisoners were the cynosure of all eyes. It was the opinion of all that in view of the short time the jury had been out a verdict had been reached. When the foreman stated that a verdict had been reached, it was expected that the latter would break down as he had done during the morning. He, however, maintained his standing position, not moving a muscle. It was quite different when the finding of the jury in Mrs. Leblenthal's case was announced. She collapsed in her chair, and began to sob and cry aloud, "My God, I'm innocent."

ODELL TO BE REINSTATED

Manager O'Rourke Impelled
to Leniency Through Re-
gard for Connie Mack

Former Orator to Have Ban
Raised Because Manager

Jim Wants to Oblige
Manager of Athletics

"Pop" Foster to Be No
Longer An Outlaw and
His Reinstatement Now in
the Works—Odell May
Join Philadelphias.

At Odell, the former third baseman of the Orators who jumped his contract several years ago is to be admitted to the society of the baseball elect and all through the magnanimity of Manager James H. O'Rourke of this city. Manager O'Rourke has been "reached" as it were by Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics. O'Rourke and Mack are bosom friends. Some time ago Mack became interested in the case of Odell and he wrote to Manager O'Rourke requesting that the latter withdraw his objection to the reinstatement of the former Bridgeport player.

At that time the local magnate wouldn't hear of such a thing and he wrote Mack that there was nothing within reason which the latter could do to help Odell. The latter, however, but his request was impossible because of the peculiar conditions of the case, Odell having made certain statements under oath when he made a former attempt to "secure reinstatement" which the board were so outraged by that they refused to consider the application of Odell was denied by a unanimous vote.

Since then Odell realizing that he had little standing with the official board as long as O'Rourke was a member, has been compelled to content himself with playing in the Tri-State League. This season "Pop" Foster succeeded in getting Odell away from Lancaster for Reading, which team "Pop" managed. The owners of the Reading team and Connie Mack are very close and the Reading magnates knowing of the friendship between O'Rourke and Mack got busy. Mack is a very insistent friend. When he wants a thing he wants it, and he won't take no for an answer. Despite the rejection on the part of Manager O'Rourke, Mack is determined to get it at it and he finally made his request upon grounds of personal friendship so strong that Manager O'Rourke relented.

What no other man has been able to do Mack has accomplished, and within a day or two O'Rourke notified Mack that he would accept his wishes and withdraw his opposition to the reinstatement of Odell.

This means that Odell will be eligible to play in the major league. This is a very important step for Odell, who is known as the purgatory for baseball players. While it is recognized by organized baseball, the players are not allowed to play outside of his confines.

PEARY RETURNS TO EAGLE HOME

Will Remain in Seclusion
Until Arctic Club Passes
on His Statement

ROOSEVELT CREW DISBANDED

(Special from United Press.)
Portland, Me., Oct. 2.—Delighted with his New York ovation, Commander Robert E. Peary and his wife arrived here this morning for their participation in the Hudson-Fulton Celebration. They will remain in this city to-night and to-morrow will go to their Island home. There they will remain in seclusion until after the publication of Mr. Peary's statement on Cook by the officers of the Peary Arctic Club in New York.

"Please, my alone, gentlemen," said Peary to-day when besieged by newspapermen. "I wish to go to my home and there remain quietly for the present at least. When my statement is presented I may have something further to say if it seems useful."

Mr. Peary stated that the crew of the Roosevelt had been disbanded in New York. He did not know what they would do and he had no information to what would be done with the vessel.

ROBERT W. READ WEDS Miss Majorie Rossiter

The wedding of Mr. Robert W. Read of this city, son of Mr. F. W. Read, of the Read Carpet Company, to Miss Majorie Rossiter, daughter of Mr. Rossiter, took place to-day at the country residence of the bride's father, at Stony Brook, near Port Jefferson, L. I. He is Mr. Clinton L. Rossiter, vice president of the Long Island Trust Company.

TOM THUMB'S OLD HOME PASSING TO WOMAN MORTGAGEE

The Tom Thumb property at North

DR. COOK'S OWN STORY TO APPEAR IN THE FARMER

Exclusive Rights for Bridge-
port Have Been Obtained
for Our Readers

First Installment Is to Ap-
pear in Issue of Monday,
October 4

The Farmer has completed an arrangement under which it secures the right to publish, in this city Dr. Cook's own story of his discovery of the North Pole. The first installment of this narrative of thrilling interest will be begun in the Farmer on Monday. The succeeding installments will be printed on succeeding, or alternate, days, until the conclusion of the story. This narrative is in effect a duplicate of the story which the intrepid explorer wrote on the closely scribbled pages of his diary during the long arctic night, when after he had reached the highest point of the Arctic summer and the long day. The literary form of Dr. Cook's statement is severely plain and simple. But along modest language, containing a recital of thrilling interest far beyond that which can attach even to the most vivid work of fiction. This story contains "the proof" that Cook was the first man at the pole.

SINGLE TRUCK CAR RUNS WILD

No. 235, Leaving Track, Bat-
ters in Porch of State
Street Dwelling

Motorman's Narrow Escape

Awakening from their slumbers by the crashing and splintering of boards, about 11:30 o'clock, last evening, the occupants of the two-family house, 779 State street, must have thought the structure was caving in upon them. It was a strange sight which greeted their eyes as they looked out of the front windows. Imagine their surprise when they saw one of the cars of the Connecticut Company trying to mount the front porch. Car No. 235, one of the small, but never type, had left the rails while going east below Seely and State streets. It had bowed along for about 250 feet when it swerved to the right and dashed into this front porch of 779 State street. There were six passengers in the car, and all were severely shaken up. There is an up grade at this point, showing that the car was going up a good clip. The car had grazed a telegraph pole, and barely missed battering a young man who was passing. There was no blockading the way clear of the tracks, that it was almost perpendicular to them, and there was space for other cars to pass. The wreck was on each side in quick time, and fastening a large hawser drew the derailed back onto the rails. If the car had swerved a little more to the right it would have struck the telegraph pole, and in all probability the motorman would have been killed.

No. 235 is a car of the single truck type of which about a hundred are in use in this city. Single truck cars lack stability, and most of the accidents caused by derailed cars are due to their type. The car which went off the track at Peck's Mills, some years ago, was a single truck car. At this time 39 persons were killed or injured. The car which left the track at Ash Creek a year or two ago, killing or injuring a number of persons, was also a single truck car. In the latter tragedy the late Coroner C. A. Doten made a finding in which he pointed out the risk involved in using single truck cars.

ORIGINATOR OF ENVELOPE GAME HAS SIX COUNTS

(Special from United Press.)
Hartford, Conn., Oct. 2.—Charged with the "envelope" game, was arraigned in the city court this morning and his case continued until Tuesday under a bond of \$2,500. There are six counts against the prisoner, four of them charging him with the theft of cash from a cashier and two charging him with attempted theft. The alleged crimes date from September 1908 to October last. When arrested he declined to enter a plea and asked for an opportunity to engage counsel.

CHOOSE DEATH TO PRISON BARS

(Special from United Press.)
Boston, Oct. 2.—Choosing death rather than life behind the bars of the Charlestown prison, Miss Wong and Leong Gung, sentenced to the chair during the week of Oct. 10, are calmly awaiting their fate. Here they have refused to apply to Governor Draper for commutation of their sentence. The three, who are of five sentences to die for complicity in a murder, were here on August 24, 1907, refuse all persuasion of their counsel to appeal for life.

Life imprisonment would break my heart and the quicker the death the better for me," said Miss Sing the youngest and least known of the criminals, on being seen by counsel Woodman, in "Murderers' Row."

Surprised at the man's attitude, Woodman endeavored to urge the condemned man out of this position but without avail. Then Mr. Woodman turned to Hom Wong finally to Leon Gung, but they too asserted that they preferred death to life imprisonment in Charlestown.

Thirty hunters who took out licenses to-day making a total of 283 hunters of this city who are going after game with dogs and guns.

PEACEMAKER BADLY BANGED

Never Again Will William
Fitzgibbons Try to Settle
a Fight

THREE HEAVILY FINED

In the city court this morning Judge Foster imposed the following sentences upon these men for drunkenness breach of the peace and assault Sunday noon on Jones avenue and James street: Maurice Miskie, \$30 and costs, bail for appeal \$150; Max Levkovitch, \$107 and costs, bail for appeal \$150; James Kientzman, \$150 and costs, bail for appeal \$200. The accused appealed. They were defended by Attorney Henry Greenstein. They were charged with assaulting William Fitzgibbons of 372 Olive street. Fitzgibbons said that he was attracted by a crowd near James street and Jones avenue, while he was standing in front of his home. He saw the crowd and ran to see what was going on. As soon as he arrived on the scene he saw the three accused fighting. One of them grabbed him by the collar. The man then struck him and he fell to the ground. Fitzgibbons got up and was confronted by another of the trio with the stone. He walked a few feet and then fell in a heap in the road. He was then assisted to a nearby house.

The accused testified that they were on their way to the congregation to which they belong to report the financial condition of the organization to the other members. While walking along minding their own business a stone struck one of them. The stone had been thrown by a crowd of boys and others among whom was Fitzgibbons. The three men returned to the crowd and Kientzman struck Fitzgibbons in the face. A free-for-all followed.

TAFT'S INCOME TAX PLACED ON SHELF

Bay State Republicans Lab-
el It Obnoxious and
Undesirable

GOVERNOR DRAPER AGAIN

(Special from United Press.)
Boston, Oct. 2.—Nearly labelled "obnoxious and undesirable," President Taft's project, the income tax, was gently placed on the shelf here today by the Massachusetts Republicans who gathered in convention to renominate list of State officials. Prior to the convention there had been rumors of war from a portion of the party but before the gavel fell for order the members of the Republican party of Senators Lodge and Crane had effectually smothered all opposition. Finally on motion of Speaker John Cole, the chief insurgent, the Republicans voted to leave the income tax to be destroyed by Governor Draper at the forthcoming conferences of different State Governors.

Senator Harry Cabot Lodge nominated Governor Draper for a second term. The remainder of the ticket was as follows: For Lieutenant Governor, Louis A. Frothingham, of Boston; for Secretary, William M. Olin, of Boston; for Treasurer, Elmer A. Stevens, of Somerville; for Attorney General, Dana Malone, of Greenfield; for Auditor, Henry E. Turner, of Malden.

The details for the annual ball of the Letter Carriers' Sick Benefit Association will be perfected this evening at the Hotel Elcom. The ball will be held in the Ladies' Auxiliary will meet with the carriers. The ball will be held in Eagles' hall, Nov. 5.

WANTED.—An experienced chambermaid. Apply Windsor Hotel. a p

WANTED.—Woman for general housework. no cooking required. Call at 493 Fairfield Ave. a

WANTED.—Tonight at Germania Hall 100 couples to join the merry dancers of the Unity Social Club. a p

HIGH WINDS STOP FLIGHTS

Neither Wright Nor Curtiss
Will Take Foolish
Chance

One Phase of Hudson-Fulton
Celebration Not Likely
to Be Realized

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Oct. 2.—The millions of people in New York are gazing up at the sky scrapers to-day to observe the direction of the wind by the high down flags all anxious to know if Wilbur Wright or Glenn Curtiss will be able to fly about the harbor and up the river.

From his aeroplane shed on Governor's Island Wilbur Wright declared that the high wind raging to-day gave no signs of abating and that he did not think it would be safe to attempt a flight to-day.

It is confidently believed that the Wright flight in New York, when made, will be a real success. "I do not make exhibition flights for money," he declared to-day. "But this Hudson-Fulton Celebration is for the commemoration of just such mechanical endeavors as those of my brother and myself, and so I am going to try to do something big. It is hardly believed that I will fly at all. I am under contract to appear in St. Louis Tuesday and must leave to-night to get his aeroplane tuned up there for that flight."

Wright to-day talked at some length on the theme of aviation declaring that the New York public reminded him of the ancient Romans who loved to see someone killed. "I have some years yet to live," he said, "and I am going to take no unnecessary chances. I am not flying for sport, but for scientific research. I intend taking no foolish chance for anyone at any time."

MILLIONAIRES IN TURF SCANDALS

Startling Revelations Look-
ed for When Sealed Indict-
ments Are Public

GOV. HUGHES IN TOUCH

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Oct. 2.—When the sealed indictments that were returned by the Queens County Grand Jury in Brooklyn are made public it is believed to-day that one of the biggest turf scandals in years will be uncovered and that several millionaires and high police officials will be forced to stand trial.

Wide rumors as to the identity of the men indicted in the anti-gambling war last night fill the Brooklyn courts to-day but Assistant District Attorney Edwin D. Drake, in the track prosecutions, positively refused to discuss the indictments until they are made public in court.

It is said that some of the indictments which were found were destroyed by the Grand Jury on the grounds that it would be more harmful to the public to have the names of the men "higher up." Governor Hughes is said to be taking an active interest in the war instituted in Brooklyn and is keeping in close touch with every move.

E. G. LEWIS HAS NEW EDUCATIONAL AND SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

E. G. Lewis, the versatile son of Rev. William H. Lewis, rector of St. John's church, this city, has devised a combined form of correspondence school, subscription agency, and chapter house for women. It is inviting the attention of publishers. He has formed the American Women's League. A condition of joining the league is to sell \$25 worth of any magazine. A club house will be built for any group of women who will pool their subscriptions in a sufficient amount to warrant the expenditure. It is said that a number of these club houses have already been built.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

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TO RENT.—3 rooms, first floor, some improvements. Pembroke St., near Maple St. I 30 a p o

WANTED.—Nurse girl. References required. Apply Mrs. C. E. Weeks, 96 Coleman St. I 27 a o

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